



## **Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Soaring Eagles Award**

The Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Soaring Eagles Award was established in 1997 and symbolizes the struggle of lawyers of color as they travel down the road to personal and professional success. The AAJ Minority Caucus presents this award to an attorney who, despite the challenges of his or her own journey, pursues excellence, and has made outstanding efforts and contributions to the legal profession in paving the way for others.

Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:

1. How has the individual achieved professional excellence in his/her field?
2. Has the nominee made any significant contributions to the advancement of racial or ethnic diversity in the profession?
3. Has the nominee opened doors for lawyers of color in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them?
4. Has the nominee advanced opportunities for lawyers of color within a practice area or segment of the profession?

### Past Recipients

1997 - J. Robert Carr, AAJ Staff  
1998 - Lem Howell, AAJ Member  
1999 - Johnnie Cochran, Special Guest  
2000 - Charles Mathis, AAJ Member  
2001 - Robert Hernandez, AAJ Member  
2002 - Donald L. Hollowell, Special Guest  
2003 - Fred D. Gray, AAJ Member  
2004 - Antonia Hernandez, Special Guest  
2005 - Horace T. Ward, AAJ Member  
2006 - Matthew J. Perry, Jr.  
2007 - Charles B. Rangel, Special Guest  
2008 - Honorable U.W. Clemon, Special Guest  
2009 - Nina Perales, Special Guest  
2010 - Frankie Muse Freeman, Special Guest  
2011 - Honorable Charles Price, Special Guest



## *Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Soaring Eagles Award Nomination Form*

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this entry form along with the nominee's resume or biography, describing his/her background and contributions by **Monday, April 30, 2012.**

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